tion) Act, 1951 for starting industries in the State of Bihar which were at different stages of processing.

(b) As on 30th June, 1987 9 and 8 Letters of Intent were issued against Industrial Licence applications received under the provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 during the years 1985 and 1986 while, 3 Letters of Intent were issued against those received during 1987. While 38,34 and 5 applications were rejected|disposed off against the applications received for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto 30th June, 1987) respectively.

(c) and (d) Details of pending applications are not divulged until the Government have taken a final decision thereon.

Inspection by Company Law Board against Goenka's Companies

935. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the inspection done by the Company Law Board following their letter No. 21|46|81-CIII of December 3, 1981, it was found that Goenka's companies have violated sections 209, 292, 297 383A, 314(IB); 209(I), 209(II) etc, of the companies Act;

(b) if so, what further action was taken in regard to these violations; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No inspections of Goenka's Companies were ordered *vide* Company Law Board letter No. 21|46|81-C.III of 3.12.1981. However, inspections under section 209A of Companies Act are ordered from time to time as a matter of corporate surveillance.

(b) and (c) Since the specified names (s) of the Companies belonging to above group have not been mentioned, it is not possible to furnish the factual information.

Complaints against Maruti Car Manufacturers

936. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the users of Maruti Cars have several complaints against the manufacturers of the car;

(b) if so, what are those complaints; and

(c) what are the details of the remedial steps taken to remove those complaints?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The Maruti cars have been well received in the market. In the case of a couple of indigenised components, there have been some complaints. These are being attended to by Maruti Udyog and their vendors for rectification and maintenance of quality standards.

Trading in Adulterated Petrol and Diesel and Fake Lubricants

937. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that adulterated petrol and diesel and fake lubricants are freely available at the licensed and unlicensed outlets in the country;

(b) whether any raids have been conducted by Government during the last six months to find out the unscrupulous traders of such petrol and fake lubricants; and

(c) what are the details thereof and what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir. However, complaints are occasionally received in this regard.

(b) and (c) The oil companies and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations conduct regular and surprise inspections of retail outlets periodically to check *inter-alia* quality and quantity of the products and take action against the defaulters under the Marketing *Discipline Guidelines and the law/regulations* in force.

Over 18600 inspections have been conducted during the last 6 months. No case of proven adulteration has been detected. Some cases of suspected adulteration have been reported. Oil Companies have taken suitable actions such as suspension of supplies for 15 days, issuing of warnings, etc. in appropriate cases. In other cases, the State authorities have initiated necessary action.

The State Govts. have been advised to review for cancellation or non-renewal of cases where licences for storage etc. of MS/HSD have been granted by local authorities to persons other than dealers of oil marketing companies in order to prevent malpractices in the sale of petroleum products. They have been advised also to take preventive and punitive action against those who store and sell petroleum products without any valid licences, etc. This is being periodically/regularly pursued with the respective States/Union Territories.

Oil and Gas Exploration in Onshore and Offshore Areas

938. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to intensify oil and gas exploration in both onshore and offshore areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of the sites identified for this task;

(c) by when the exploration work will start at these places; and

(d) to what extent the oil and gas crisis will be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Intensification of exploratory activities during the VII Plan period is planned in the following sedimentary basins:—

(1) Cambay

(2) Upper Assam

(3) Assam-Arakan Fold belt covering Cachar, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh

(4) Rajasthan

(5) Himalayan Foothills and Ganga Valley

(6) Krishna-Godavari (both onland and offshore)

(7) Cauvery (both onland & offshore)

(8) West Bengal (both onland & offshore)

(9) Kutch-Saurashtra (both onland & offshore)

(10 Bombay offshore

(11) Kerala-Konkon (offshore)

(12) Andamans (offshore)

The exploration work is already continuing in these basins.

(d) It is not possible to quantify the results of exploration at this stage.

Hiring Foreign Fairms to Explore Oil and Natural Gas

939. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt. propose to hire foreign firms to explore oil and natural gas in the country's offshore basins;